

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ATHENS 05764 161936Z

61

ACTION SS-20

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-11 NSAE-00

PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-03 SAM-01 NSC-07 SSO-00

NSCE-00 IO-14 DRC-01 /104 W  
----- 096230

P 161600Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4957

INFO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

AMCONSUL THESSALONIKI

USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY BONN

UNCLAS ATHENS 5764

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CY, GR, TU

SUBJECT: GREEK PRESS REACTION TO CYPRUS

REF: STATE 178695

1. SUMMARY. SINCE AUGUST 14, ATHENS NEWS DOMINATED BY  
TURKISH MILITARY ACTION ON CYPRUS AND GREEK WITHDRAWAL  
FROM NATO, ALTHOUGH FORMER TOPIC REPORTED WITH RESTRAINT  
PER GOG GUIDELINES. ALL DAILIES HAVE CONTINUED TO ATTACK  
U.S. POLICY ON CYPRUS, LARGELY ON GROUNDS US FAVORING TURKEY.  
END SUMMARY

2. MORNING PRESS AUGUST 14 ON TURKISH MILITARY ACTION INITIATED  
SAME DAY CARRIED SUCH HEADLINES AS: "DANGER OF OPEN CLASH  
BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY -- STRONG DEMARCHE TO AMBASSADORS"  
AND "MR CLERIDES ASKED FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE" (ELEFTHEROS  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ATHENS 05764 161936Z

COSMOS); "GREECE WARNS THE BIG FIVE--THEY WILL BE HELD

RESPONSIBLE FOR A POSSIBLE OPEN CLASH BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKEY" (TO VIMA); "WASHINGTON IS FOR AUTONOMY OF TURKISH COMMUNITY IN CYPRUS" AND "US PLAN ON CYPRUS PRO-TURKISH--US ASKS FOR CONCESSIONS IN FAVOR OF THE TURKS" (AKROPOLIS); AND "GENEVA CONFERENCE WRECKED BECAUSE OF TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE--BRITAIN CARRIED OUT DRAMATIC SWITCH AGAINST TURKEY--US STAND UNCLEAR" (AVGHI)

3. TWIN BOMBSHELLS OF TURKISH MILITARY INITIATIVE AND CARAMANLIS' DECISION TO LEAVE NATO HIT AFTERNOON PRESS AUGUST 14. "WE LEAVE NATO" BANNERED TA NEA WITH SUBHEADS: "AFTER RUDE STAND OF TURKEY" AND "COWARDLY TURKISH ATTACK." INSIDE HEADLINE: "AMERICA HAS BETRAYED US-- WISHES PARTITION" AND "CYPRUS ON FIRE" AND "THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED: GREECE OUT OF NATO." FRONTPAGE ALSO REPORTED "SOVIETS SUPPORT CYPRUS." APOYEVMATINI USED THREE INCH TALL BANNER PRINT: "WAR". SUBORDINATE HEADLINES WERE: "TURKEY LAUNCHES ATTACK IN CYPRUS AT 5 AM," "GREECE HAS LEFT NATO." "AMERICA ENCOURAGES ASSASSINS AND SUSPENDS AID TO GREECE." GOG CONFISCATED THIS ISSUE BECAUSE HEADLINE CONVEYED IMPRESSION WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY HAD ALREADY COMMENCED. THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST CIRCULATING DAILY, VRADYNI, REPORTED "AFTER RUDE STAND OF TURKS, WE HAVE LEFT NATO" AND "COWARDLY ATTACK OF THE TURKS."

4. MORNING PRESS AUGUST 15 CONTINUED WITH TWIN THEMES OF CYPRUS HOSTILITIES AND NATO. HEADLINES AND LEAD STORIES WERE: "GENERAL PRAISE FOR DEPARTURE FROM NATO" AND "ECEVIT CYNICALLY ADMITS ANKARA'S PURPOSES: A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF CYPRUS WANTED." CORRESPONDENT OF VIMA FILING FROM WASHINGTON D.C. AUGUST 14 REPORTED INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AND CITED STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS FOR VIEW THAT FAVORABLE KISSINGER TREATMENT OF TURKEY WOULD NECESSARILY LEAD TO GREECE'S WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. TO VIMA ALSO RAN ANDREAS PAPANDREOU INTERVIEW (FROM APOYEVMATINI SAME DAY) ON THEME "DROPPING OF GREECE PRE-PLANNED BY ALLIES." LEFTIST AVGHI HEADLINED: "WAR DANGER THREATENS GREECE-TURKEY STRIKES IN CYPRUS--GREECE LEAVES NATO." EDITORIAL PRAISED GREEK DECISION TO LEAVE NATO, AND ALLEGED CYPRUS INCIDENT WAS ONE OF SERIES PLANNED BY IMPERIALISTIC POWERS AIMED AT MAKING ISRAEL DECISIVE FACTOR IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. HEADLINE IN UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 ATHENS 05764 161936Z

ELEFTHEROS COSMOS WAS "GREECE UNDER WAR ALARM". EDITORIALS URGED UN ACTION TO SAVE CYPRUS. ACROPOLIS WAS MORE RESTRAINED WITH "FIGHTING IN NICOSIA" AND FRONTPAGE STORIES "CONTACTS OF GREECE WITH SOVIETS," "FORD-KISSINGER CONFER," "UN SECURITY COUNCIL CEASE FIRE ORDER," "CONCERN IN NATO BECAUSE OF GREECE'S DECISION."

5. ATHENS PRESS IS CLOSELY FOLLOWING TONE SET BY CARAMANLIS

AND MAVROS IN OFFICIAL DENUNCIATIONS OF TURKEY. LATTER IS VIEWED AS BARBARIAN POWER, TRAMPLING UPON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND HUMAN DECENCY THROUGH RENEWED AND CONTINUED VIOLATIONS OF CEASE FIRE. HOWEVER, THIS THEME IS NOT REINFORCED THROUGH ANY EDITORIAL, GRAPHIC OR NEWS OVERPLAY FROM BATTLE AREA.

6. PRESS CURRENTLY IS NOT DIRECTLY FANNING ANTI-AMERICAN FEELINGS, ALTHOUGH EARLIER EMPHASIS THIS MONTH ON VARIOUS U.S. POLICIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND PERSONALITIES WHO ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR PRESENT GREEK AND CYPRIOT DILEMMA BY ATHENS' PRESS REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL ORIENTATION CONTINUE TO HAVE IMPACT. THERE IS ALSO LULL IN USE OF ARTICLES FROM AMERICAN PRESS WHICH GREEK NEWSPAPERS HAVE REGULARLY USED IN RECENT EFFORTS TO DISCREDIT CIA, SECRETARY KISSINGER, SISCO, HARTMAN, AMBASSADOR TASCA, THE WHITE HOUSE, AND THE PENTAGON. INSTEAD EUROPEAN NEWS SOURCES -- MAINLY BRITISH AND FRENCH -- CRITICAL OF U.S. POLICY ARE BEING RUN.  
TASCA

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, ANTIAMERICAN, WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP, COMBAT OPERATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 16 AUG 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974ATHENS05764  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740226-0450  
**From:** ATHENS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740843/aaaabkgn.tel  
**Line Count:** 134  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** STATE 178695  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** martinjw  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 19 JUN 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <19 JUN 2002 by reddocgw>; APPROVED <23 JAN 2003 by martinjw>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GREEK PRESS REACTION TO CYPRUS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, MOPS, CY, GR, TU, NATO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005